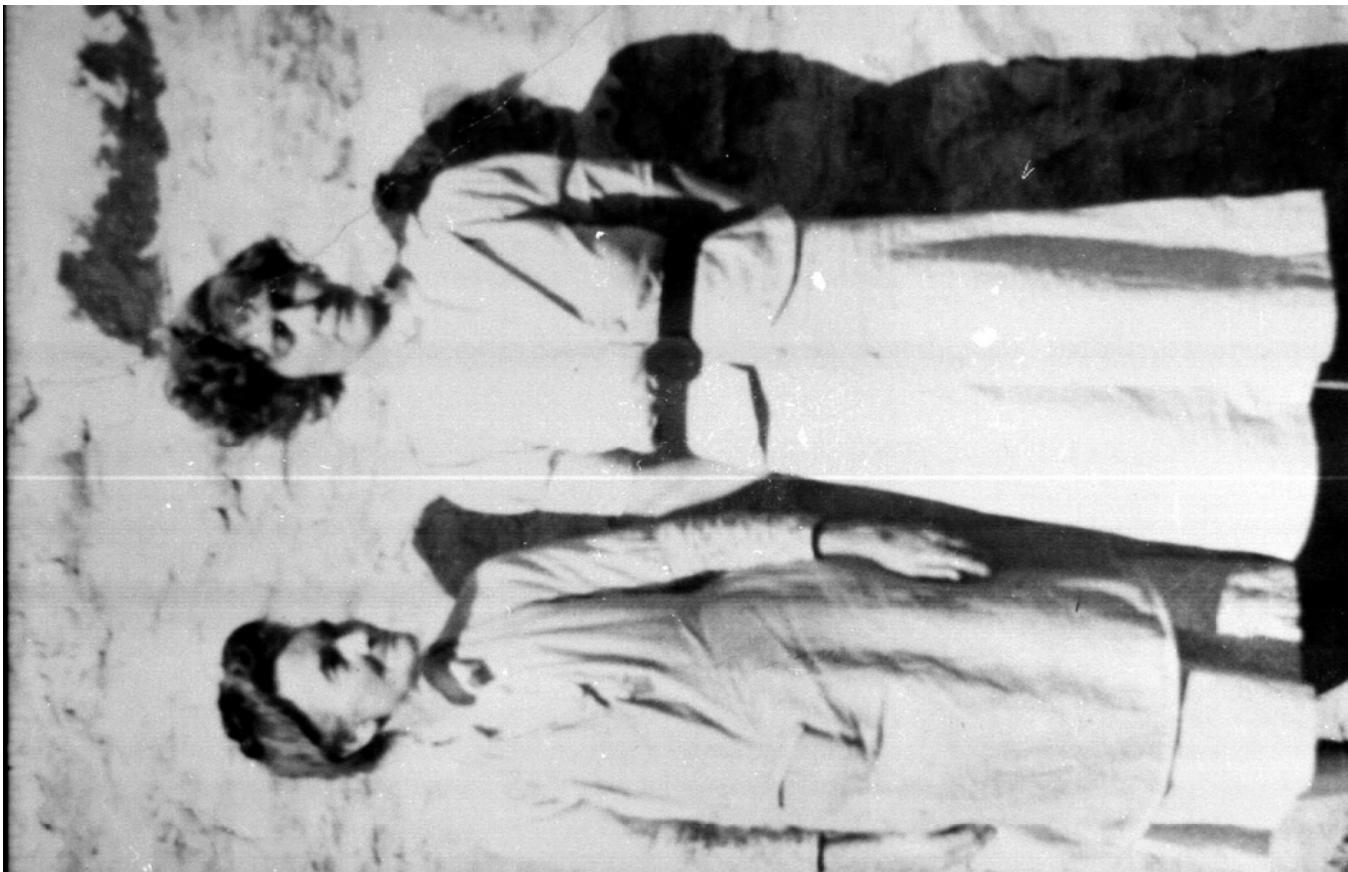


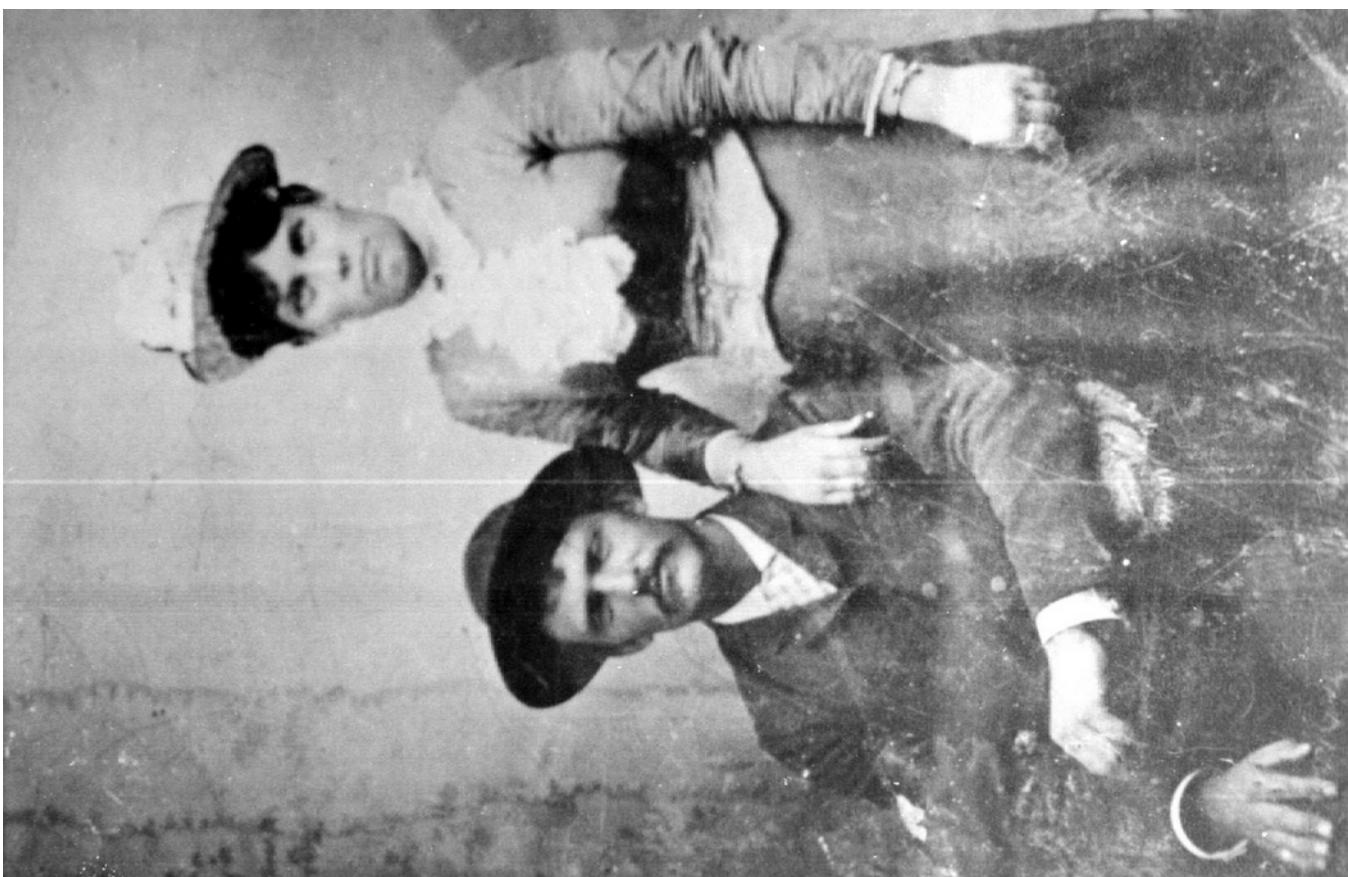
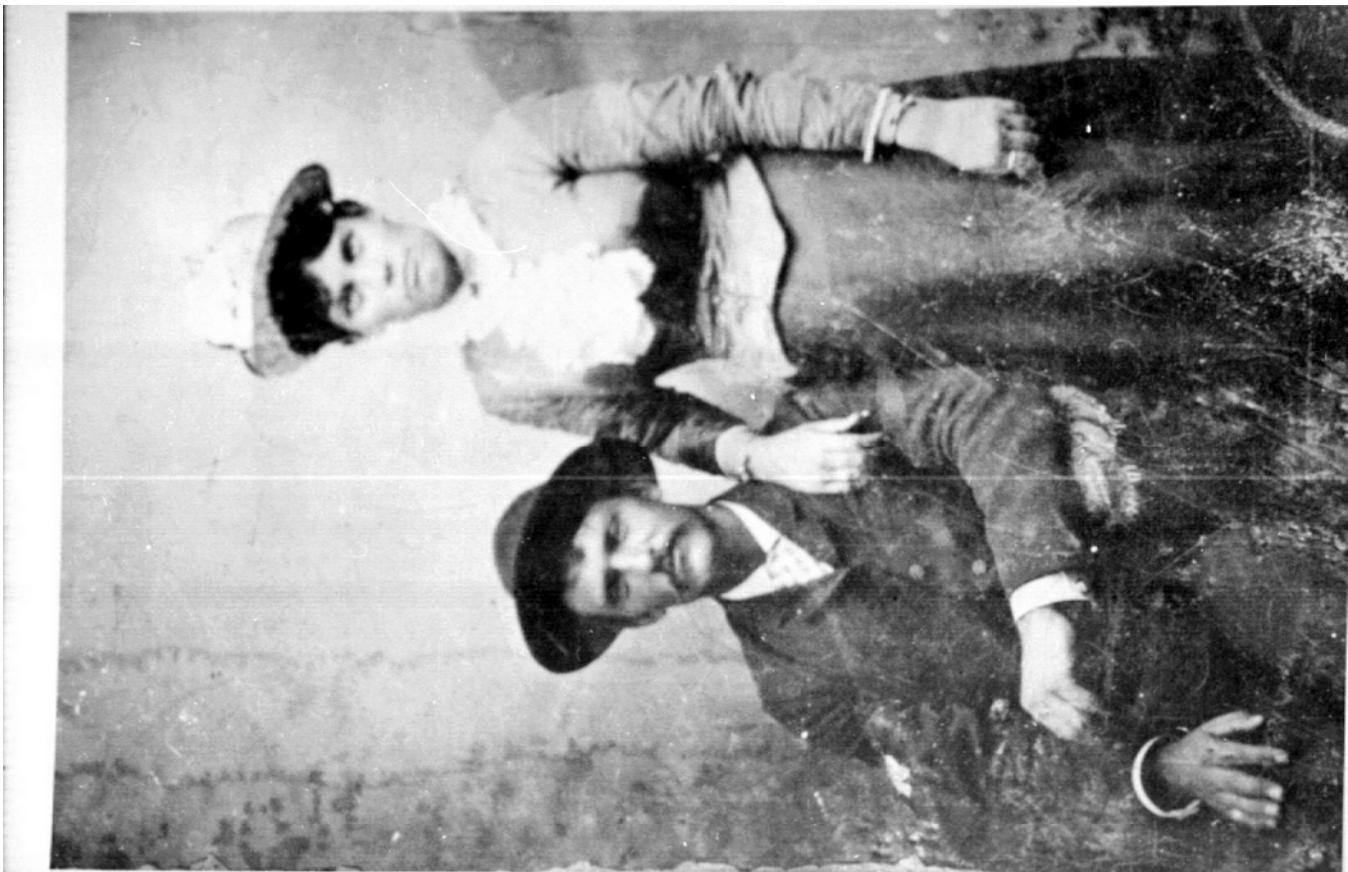
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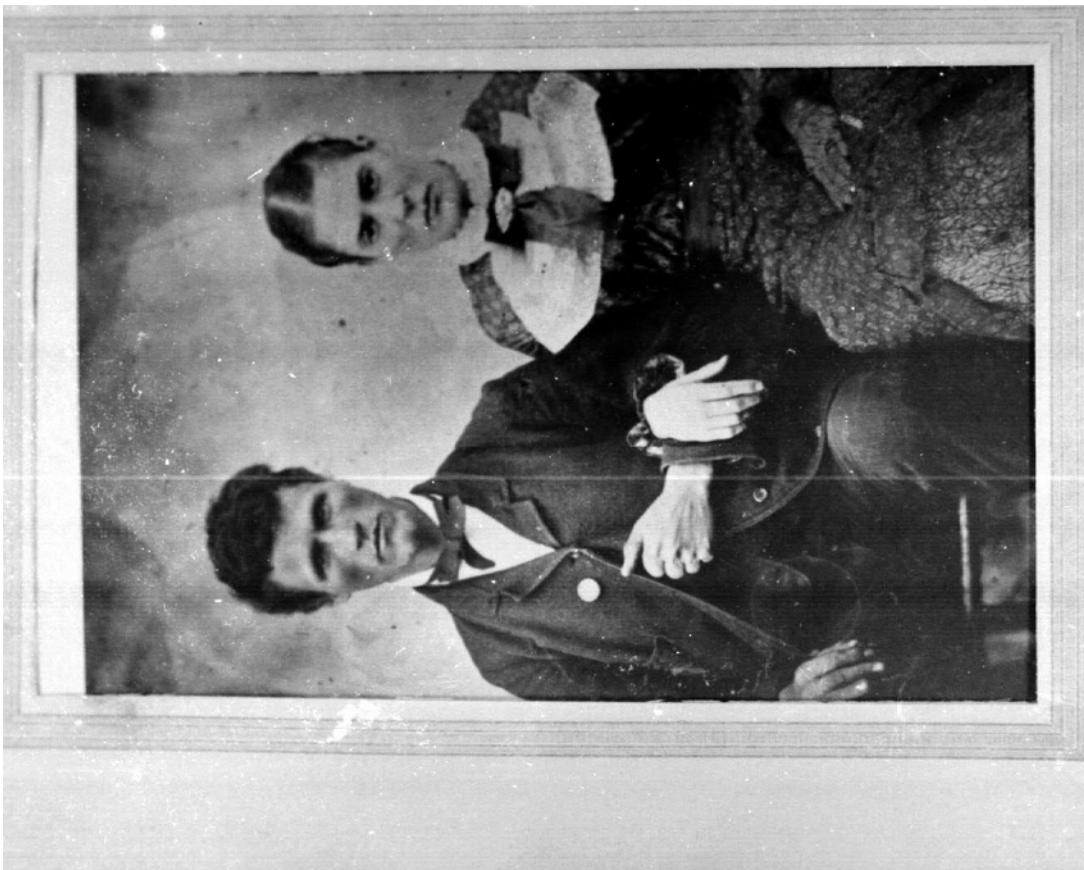
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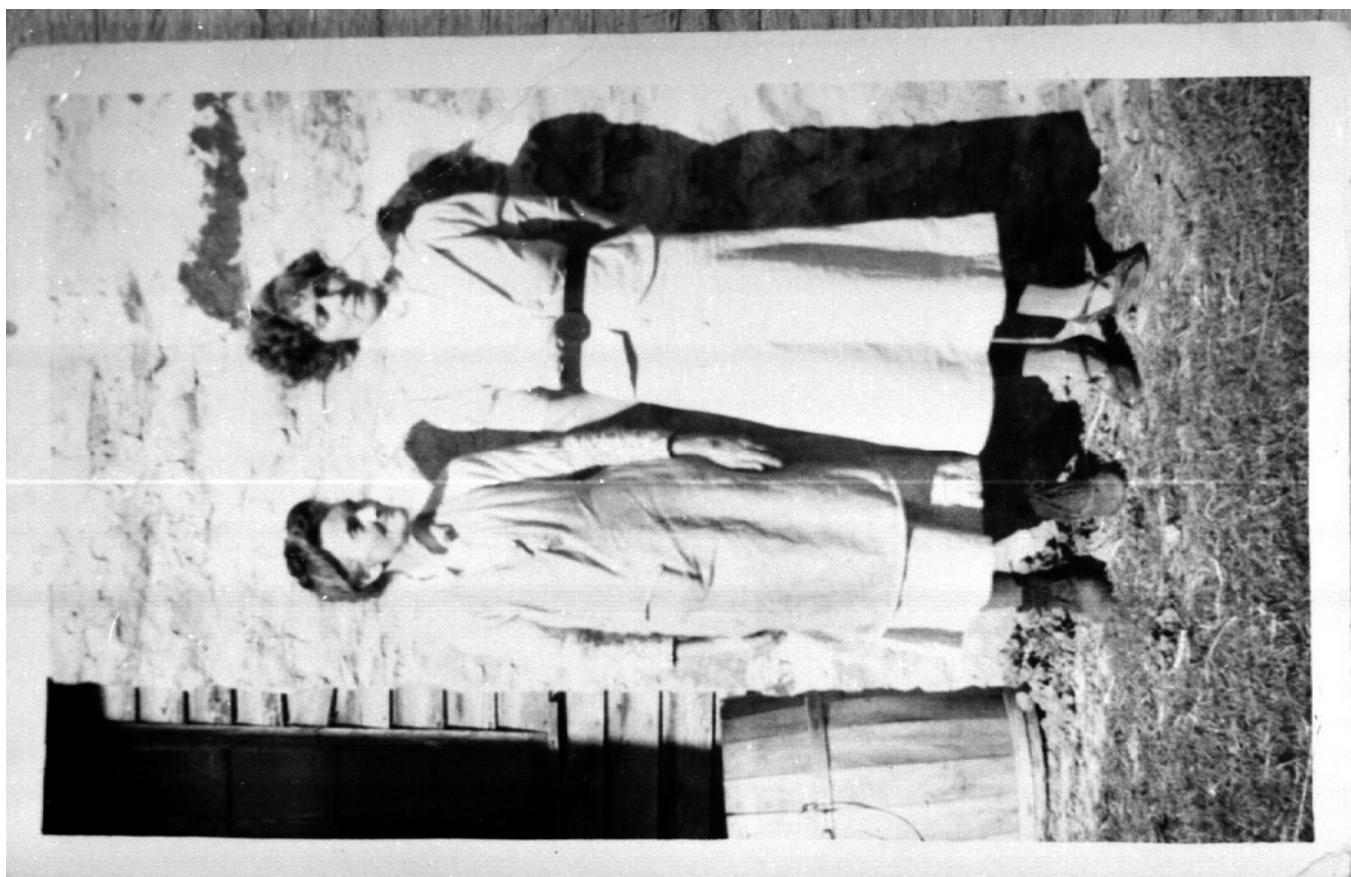


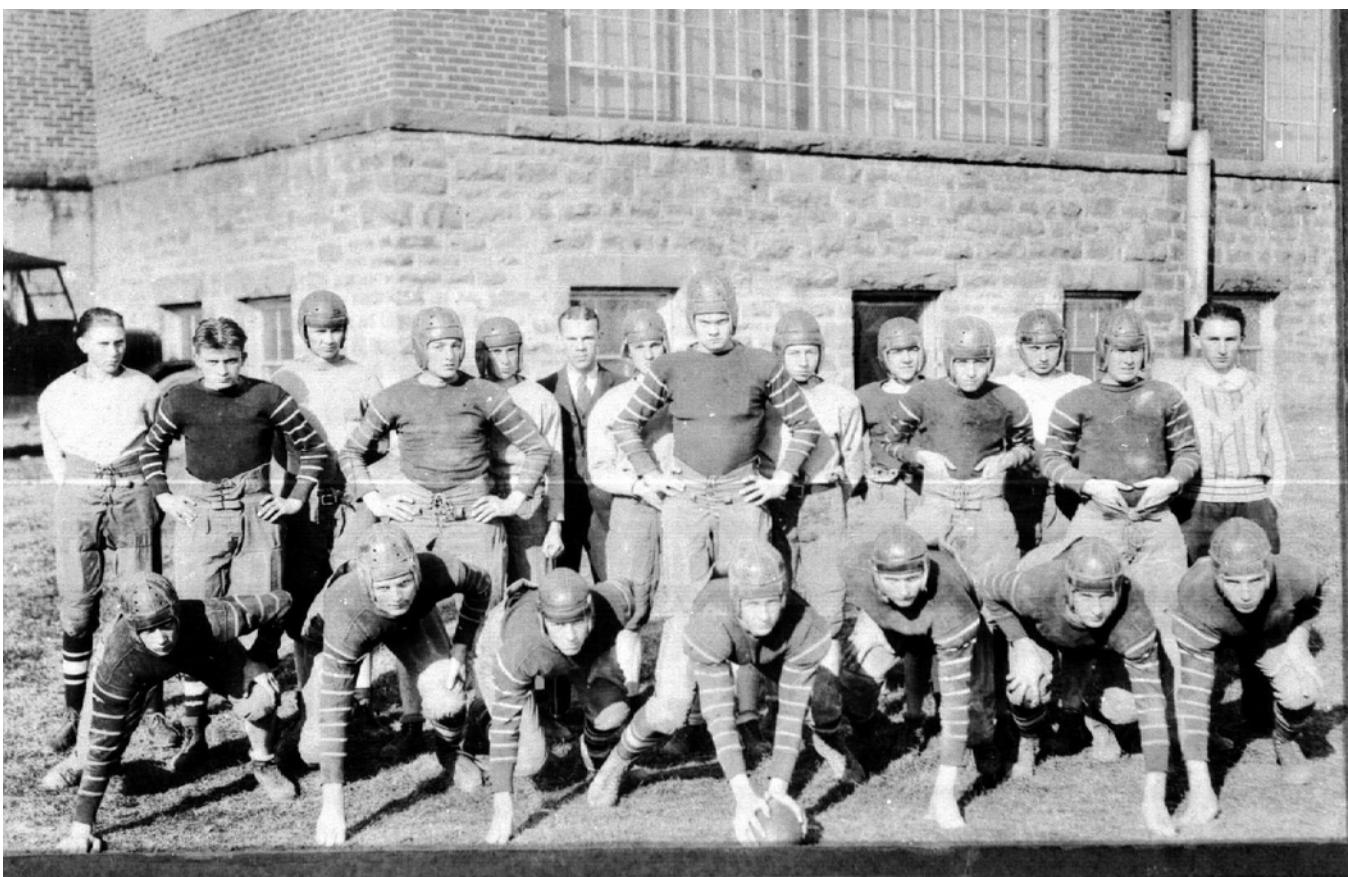
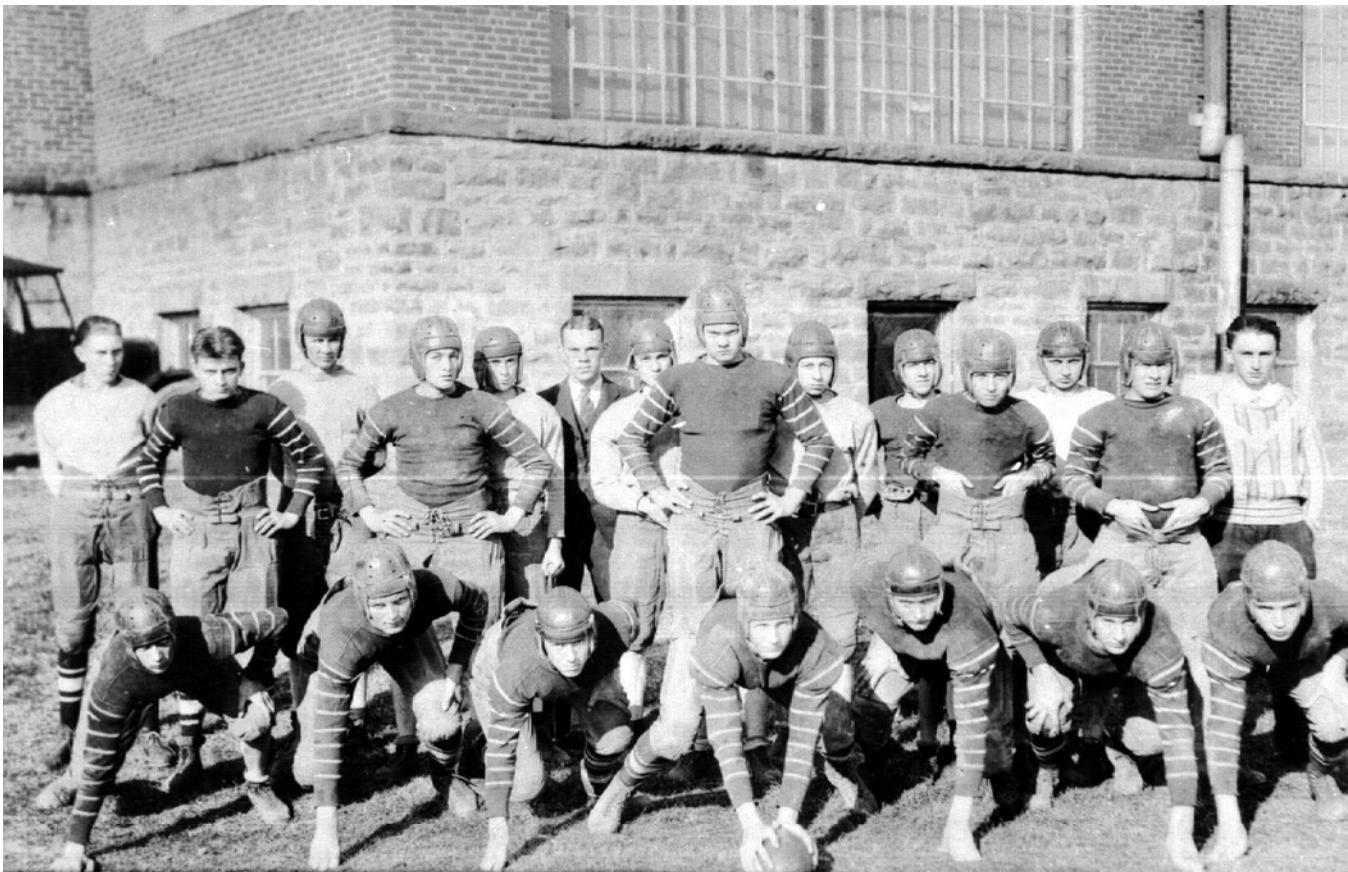






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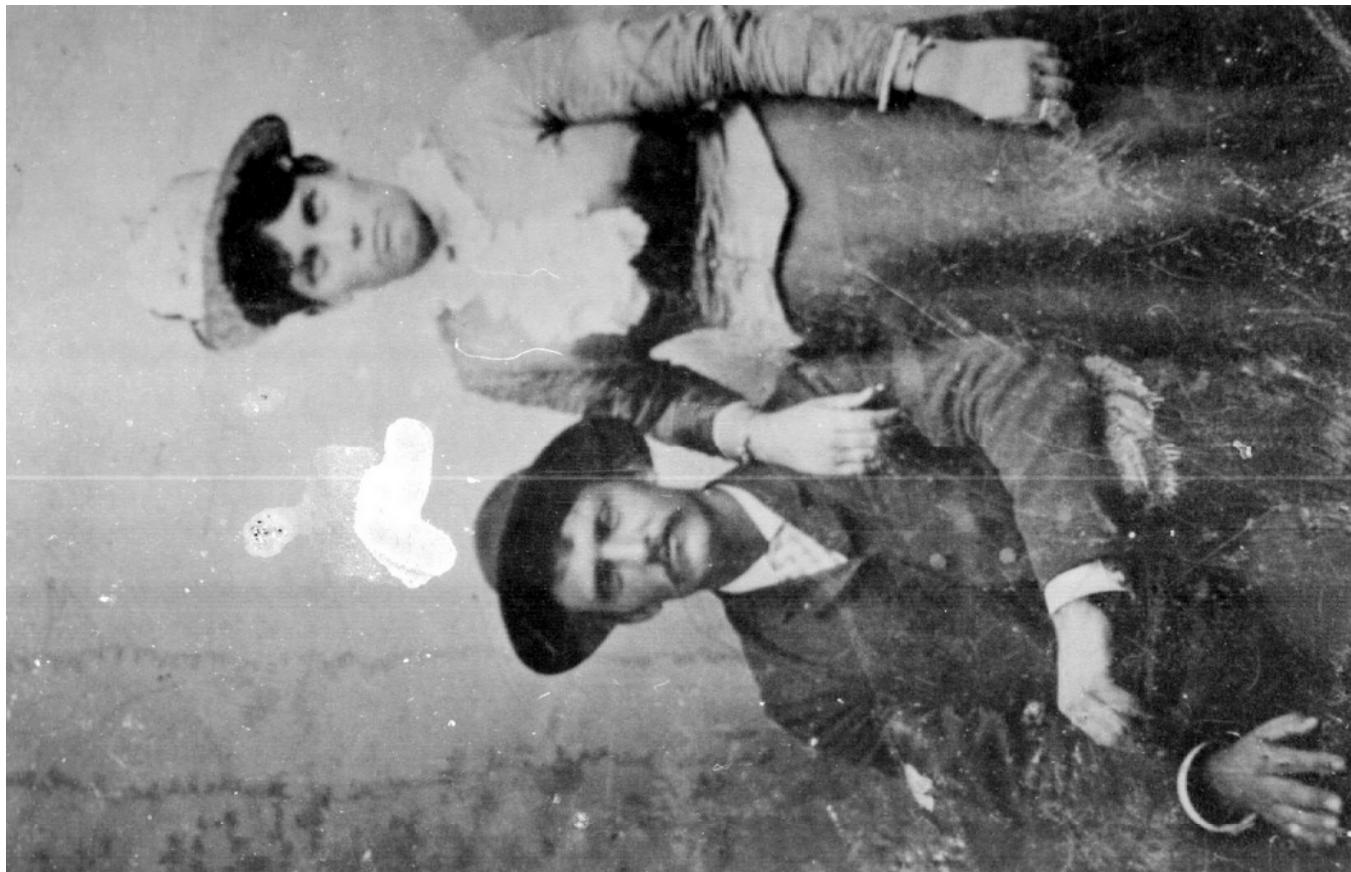


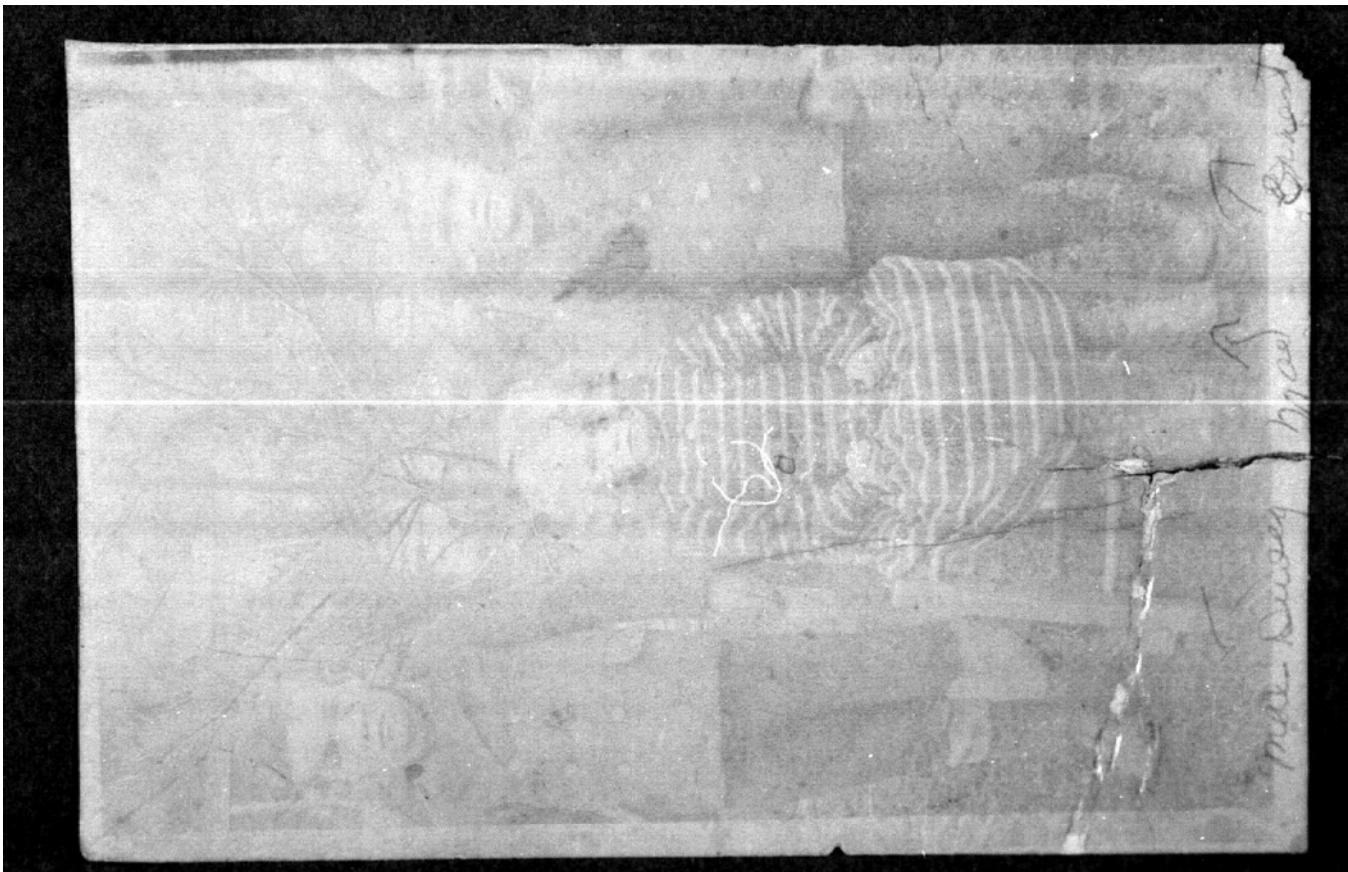








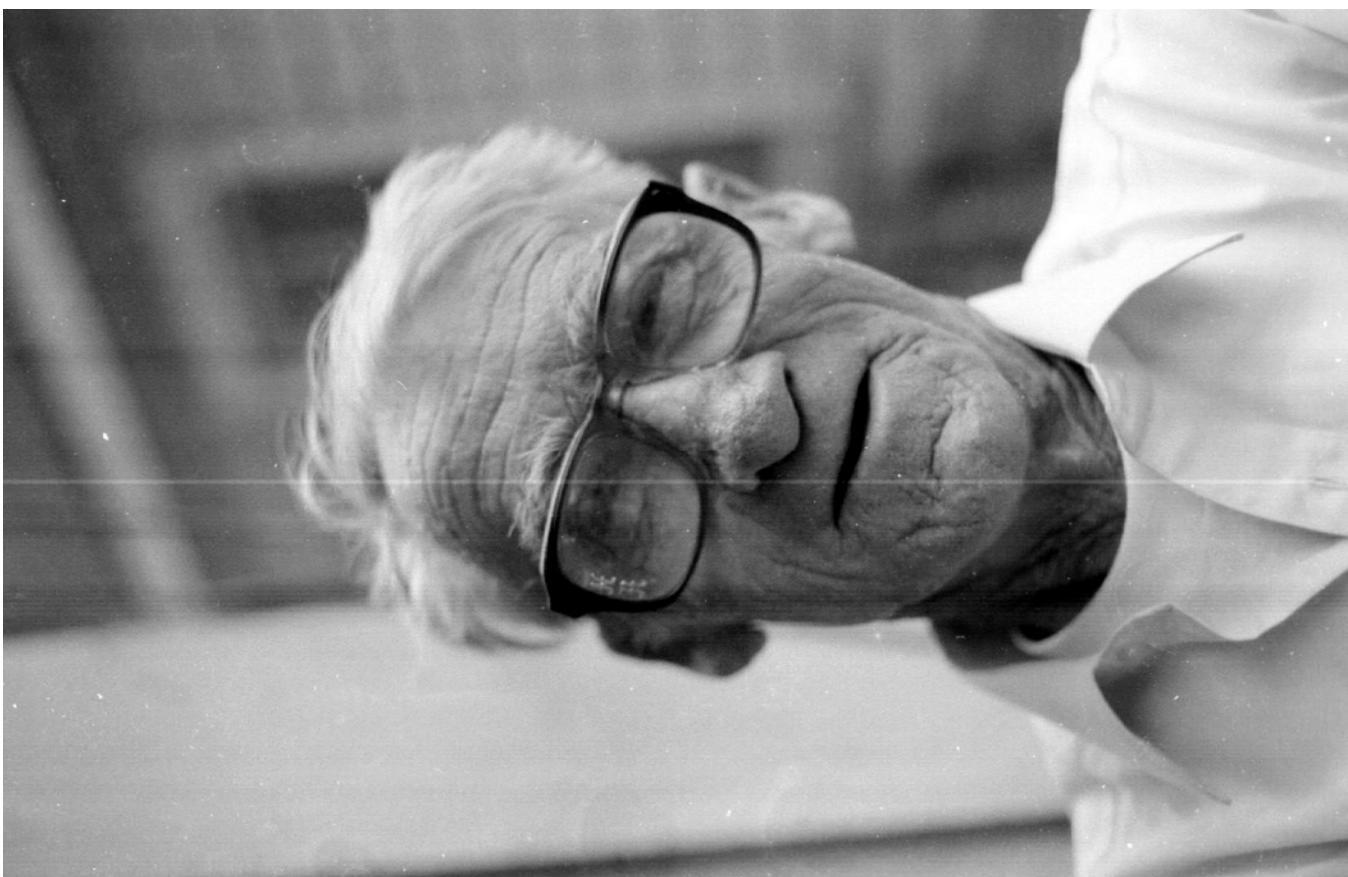














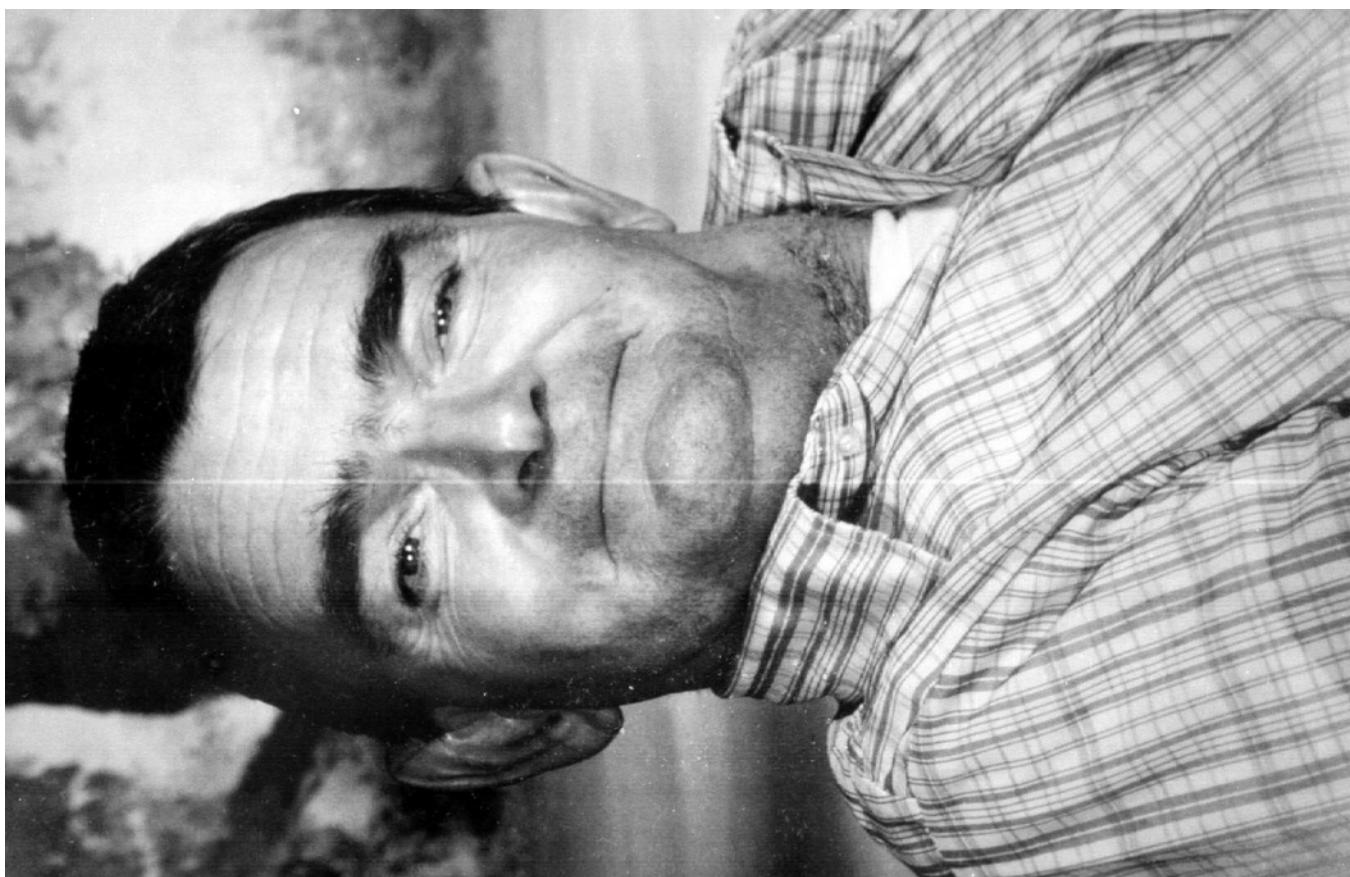


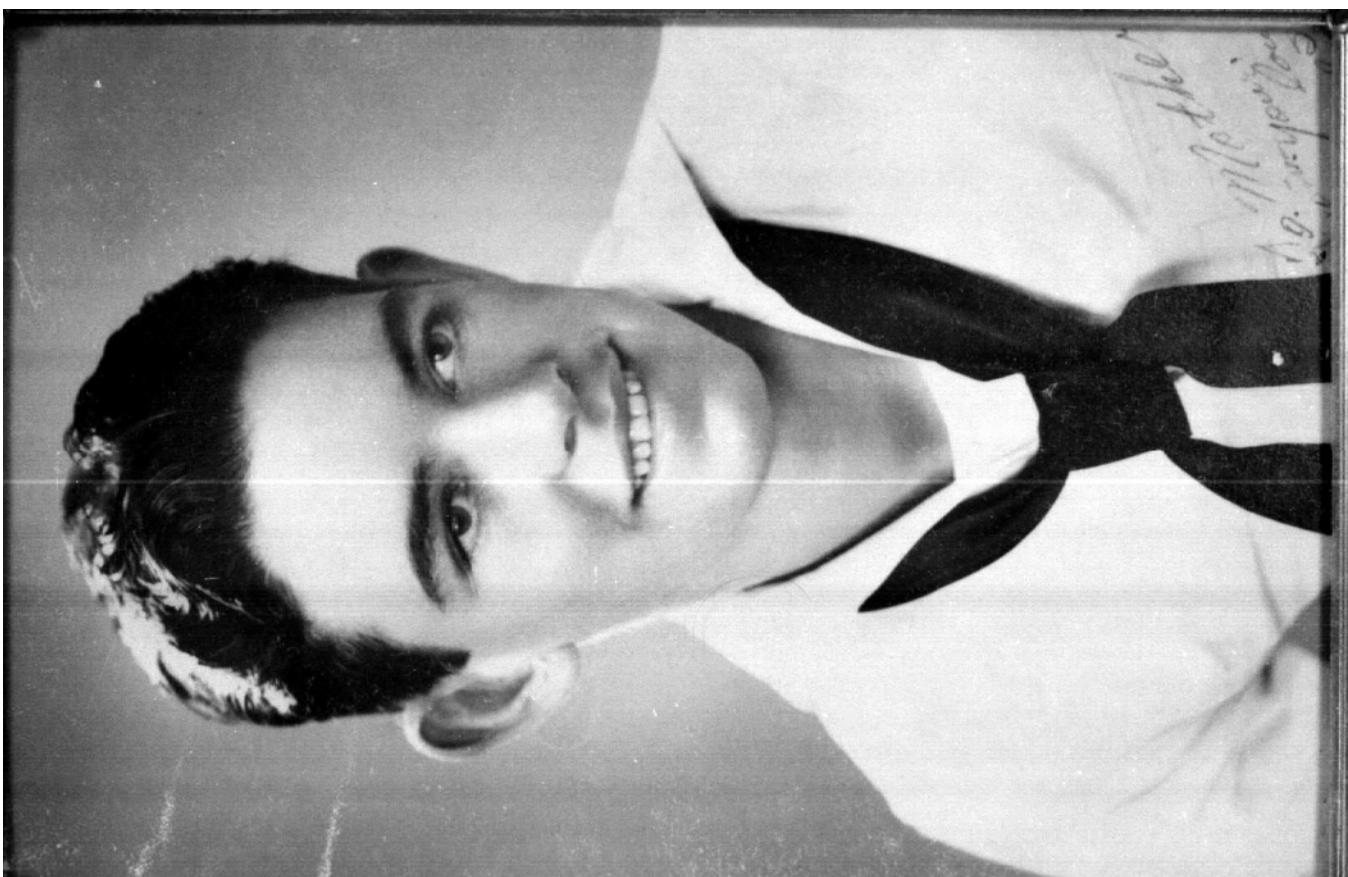
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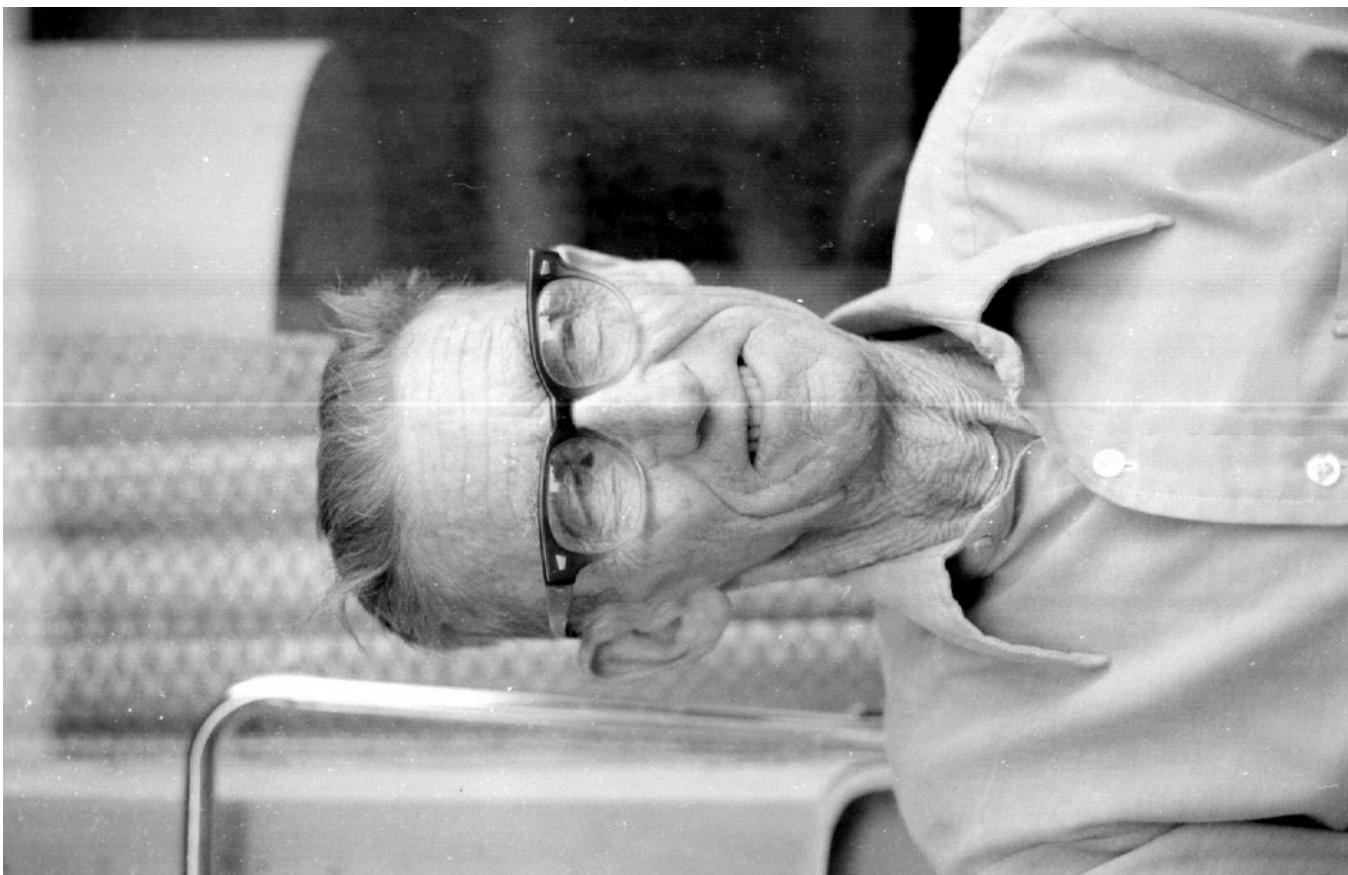


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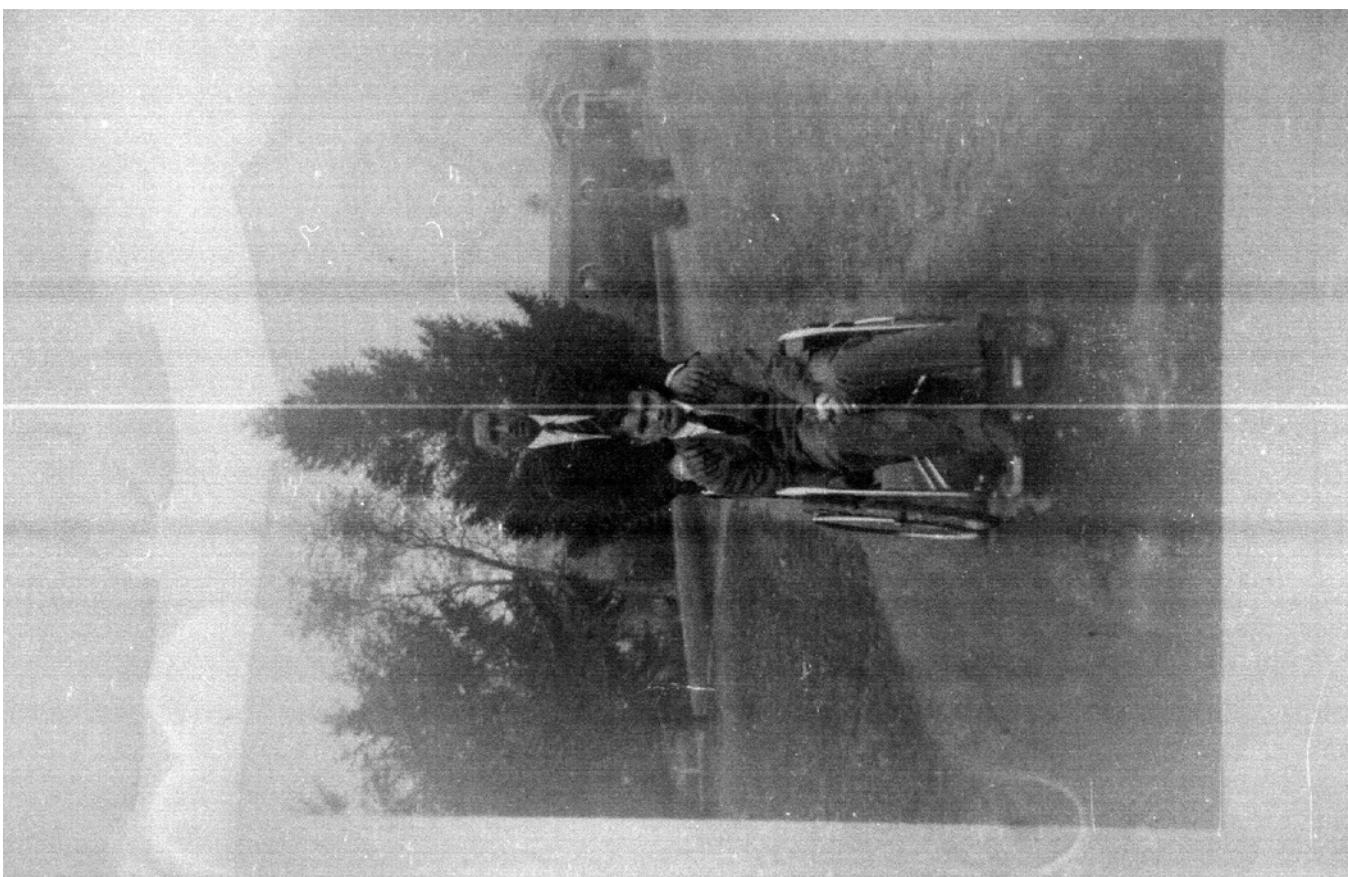


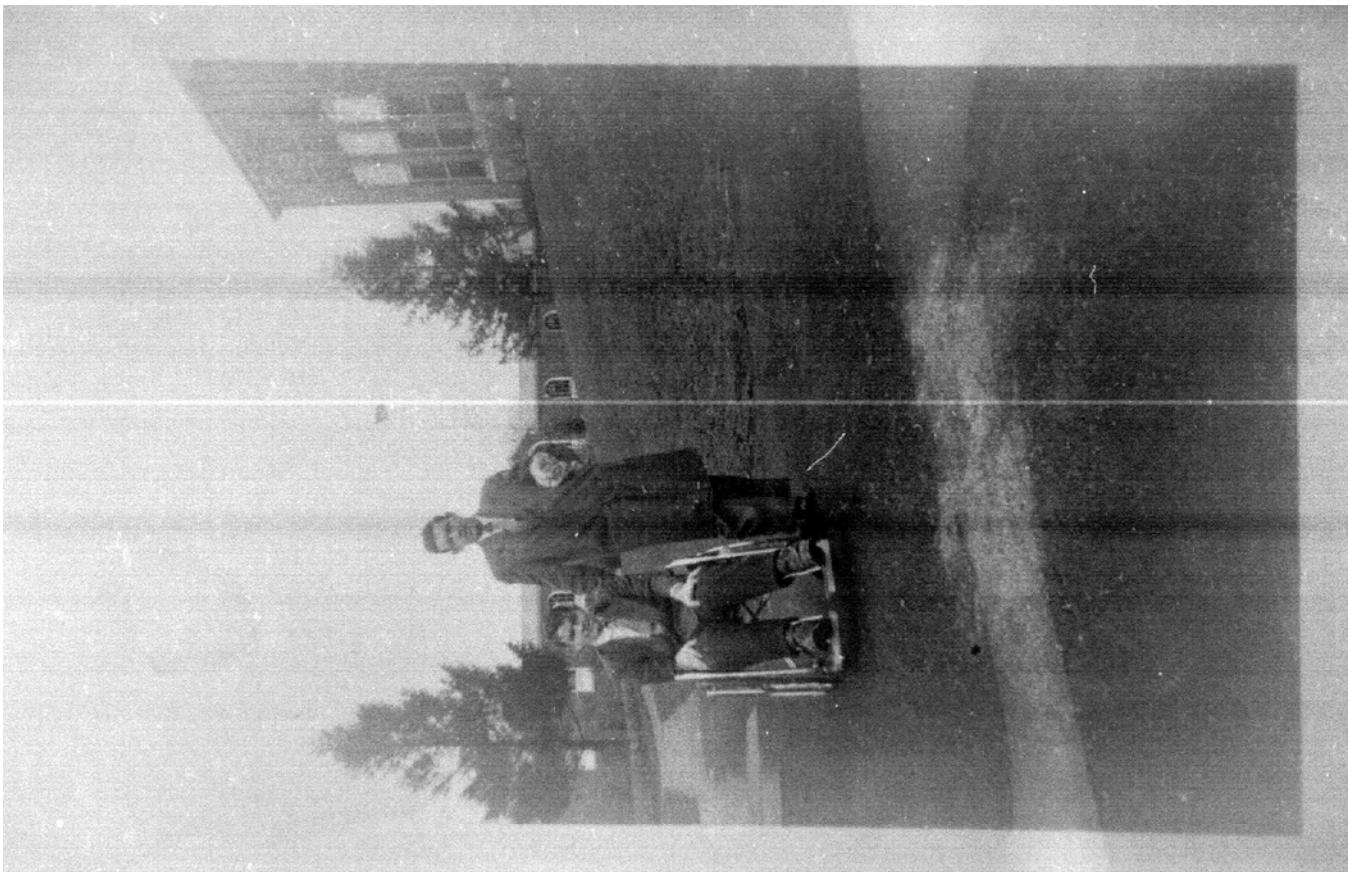




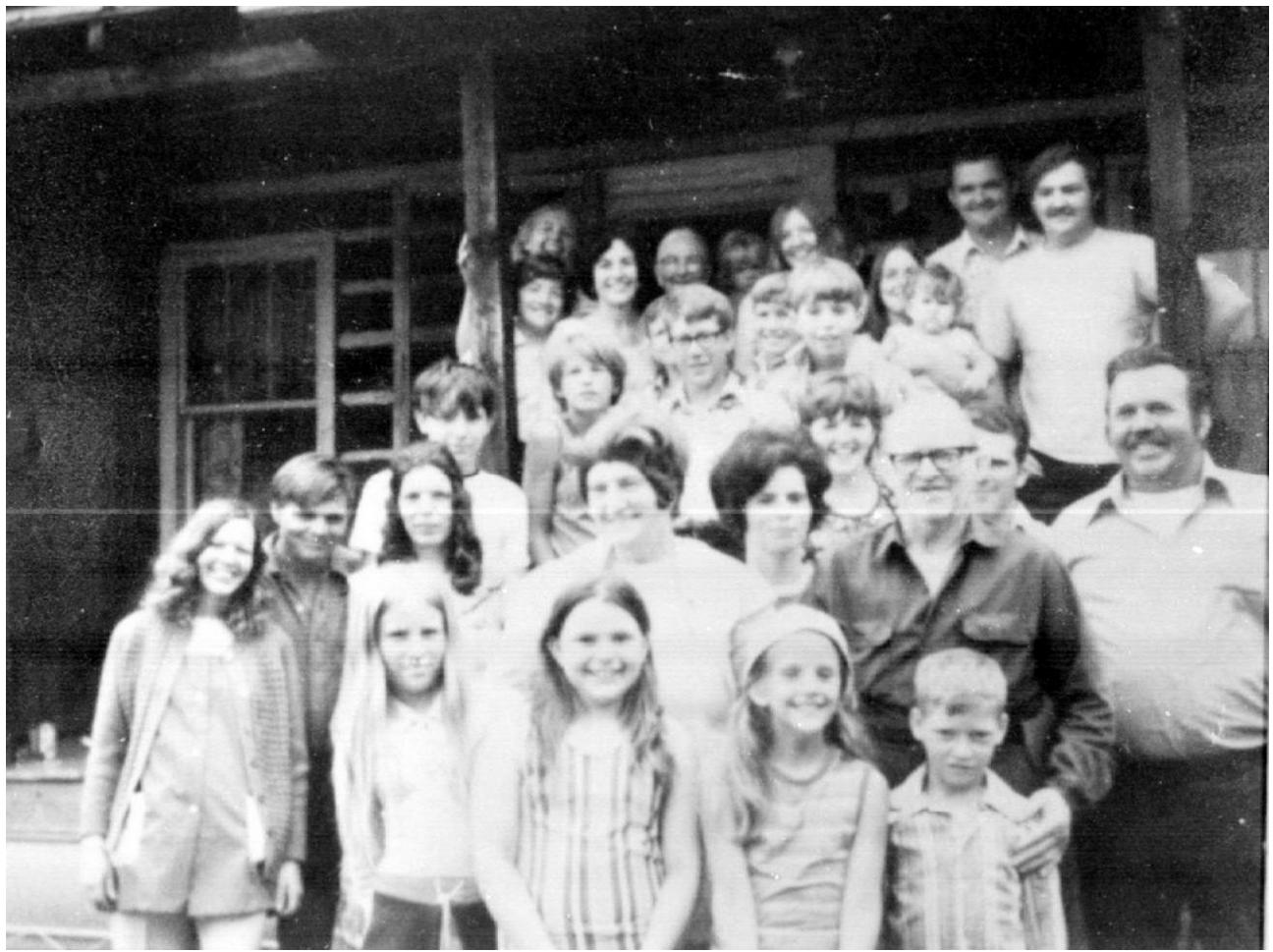
















### Field Dedicated in Van Etten

Chuck Alderman, a resident of Van Etten for 34 years, gets a Baltimore Orioles baseball cap (above) from attorney William Gallow during ceremonies for field in Van Etten which was dedicated in his honor on Sunday. Alderman, who has been an Oriole fan since the team had a farm club in Elmira, formed the first Little League in Van Etten in 1957. He coached at the junior high there from 1957-67, and he also coached a Babe Ruth League team. Alderman has worked with handicapped youth for most of his life; below, Gallow speaks of Alderman's achievements during ceremonies. Journal Photos by George Clay.

## Van Etten Field Named for Man In Wheel Chair All His Life

A Van Etten man, confined in the instructional television network to a wheelchair all of his life, was honored by the Spencer-Van Etten Central School board recently when the board approved naming the Van Etten athletic field the "Charles Alderman Field."

Charles Alderman became interested in the youth of Van Etten many years ago and has federal legislation. The board also approved revised family income standards for determining the eligibility of education recently when the board approved naming the Van Etten athletic field the "Charles Alderman Field."

He attended all sports activities of the Spencer-Van Etten School and for many years wrote sports articles for this school newspaper. An avid sports fan, he attends all sports activities of the Spencer-Van Etten School and for many years wrote sports articles for this school newspaper. When Spencer and Van Etten combined their two schools into one unit, the task of traveling cations for admission into the Spencer became a little too much for him, but he still is active in the youth activities in the Van Etten area. His long hours of work withing assistant for the remainder of the school year to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy Pritchard, named Martin Hodges. In the same meeting, the board reviewed the recommendations of the annual fire inspection reports made just now and took note that few deficiencies noted in the three buildings have been corrected or either already been corrected or are in the process of being corrected. Approval was given to the contract for services with BOCES for the current school year in the amount of \$210,185. The major item of expenditure is for those students of the local district who attend occupational education classes at the BOCES center. Other items in the total include special instruction made available for handicapped students and local participation in school district.



CHUCK ALDERMAN FIELD



The next regular meeting of the board of education will be held on Jan. 27 at which time the board will hear a report of Patricia Rice concerning the activities of the English program. The board is also expected to review an up-to-date copy of the special instruction manual outlining procedures operational policies for the students and local participation in school district.

## We Get Letters

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Dear Editor:

In response to the article, "Friend in Alderman," I would like to tell about the four years I helped the man in the wheelchair.

I started working for Mr. Alderman in seventh grade when my brother stopped working for him. At first, it was a strange thing to me, but after working for him for about a month, I had learned some things that few people knew about him.

During the first two years of working for Chuck, I found out that he would try to help me with some of my problems. The last two years were fun for me since I was able to give someone else help rather than asking for help all the time.

There have been times that we were thinking on the same lines. Many times I found myself doing things by what people might call an instinct for Chuck. Most of my Friday nights were taken up with him and sports, so I was with him then.

I have enjoyed our partnership. I have hopes that many everyone feels the same about this friend in the wheelchair.

I would like to say thanks to Mr. Chuck Alderman. He is a true friend.

J. E. Benjamin

**Friend in Alderman**  
by Carla Riddle

Who's that man in the wheelchair we always see around school?

Why, that's Charles (Chuck) Alderman, an old friend of the school.

He has been confined to his wheelchair forty-one years with cerebral palsy. But with the help of the Benjamin boys for eleven years and Jerry Harris, his girls around.

Mr. Alderman lives in Van Etten with his father. He has a sister in New York and a brother in California.

He went through the tenth grade. Most of his education was obtained in rehabilitation centers in Cockeysville, Maryland, and at West Haverstraw, N. Y. He also attended Van Etten Central for one year.

Moving to Van Etten in 1962, he began writing the sports column in 1966. He began coaching junior high basketball and baseball in 1968. When Spencer and Van Etten merged, he had junior high basketball for two years.

Mr. Alderman presently writes up school games and town news in the SPENCER NEEDS BASEBALL. It is his favorite sport, and he finds it the easiest sport to write up.

He's very interested in school activities and young people. The kids have always been kind and thoughtful to him. He said they have done more for him than he could ever do for them.

A pure of money was given him from those present and many who could not attend. Thomas Veasey, President of the Student Council of Van Etten Central School made the presentation. Beverly Koop planned the narration on his coat as the centerfold of the auditorium.

Dancing, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Out of town guests were Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Shepard of Elmira, Mr. Shepard is president of the Polio organization. Mrs. Leo Yeler of Candor, President of the Cerebral Palsy Association and Mr. Harold D'Young of Ithaca also associated with the CPA.

The Van Etten Central School student Council Association with the assistance of Mrs. Everett Rodman, sponsored the party.

Good Luck Chuck and come back to Van Etten soon.

## We salute . . . Charles G. Alderman

By GARTH WADE

Charles G. (Chuck) Alderman would be 100 in 1971. He is a devoted son, father, grandfather, and friend.

He was born on a summer afternoon in 1951 while Chuck watched a group of boys "fooling around with a bat and ball."

He suggested they return the following afternoon with more boys and form a team. "You bring the bats and I'll supply the balls," Chuck told them.

With Chuck at the coaching helm, the Van Etten team beat Ithaca 3-1 in its first game. The uniform was dungarees and T-shirts.

A year later, the Van Etten Boys Baseball Association was formed with Chuck as its first president.

The association fielded one boys' and one girls' team that year.

Today, the league consists of four boys' and four girls' teams for 8-to-12-year-olds. There is also a minor league team for the younger kids and a teenage team for the 13-to-17-year-old boys.

Physical limitations forced Chuck to give up active participation after a decade of service. A long-time sports correspondent for the Spuyten Duyvil, Chuck was forced to give up typing when paralysis struck his huge hands.

But Chuck's devoted father still wheels his son around town for chats with friends. Children still flock to the Alderman porch at 26 Front St. to chat and help Chuck in his reading by turning the pages of his book.

Chuck maintains an active interest in the town's youth activities. He can bring you up to date on the latest news.

After all, it wouldn't do for the Number One man in town to fall behind on his responsibilities.

It was remarkable the way he could get attention from kids and run the game from a wheelchair," said Marchese.

A native of West Virginia, Chuck has lived in Van Etten for 32 years. His

mother died in this and Chuck's father, Lawrence D., has devoted most of his life to caring for his son.

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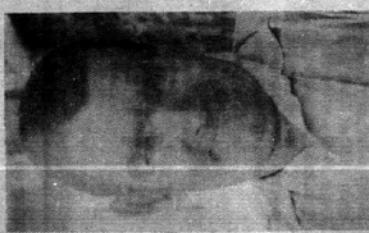
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Charles G. Alderman

some little-known statistic.

It couldn't be done," said Grover.

"Charlie can go back in 1948 and name the starting lineups of every team in the major leagues."

Chuck is "10 per cent of a great guy—anything for the kids," said George W. Nelson, president of the Van Etten Youth Athletic Association. "I love the guy."

"He's been one of the big innovators in Van Etten boys' sports," said Nicholas Marchese, recently retired Spencer-Van Etten School District principal. Marchese recalls when Chuck coached a junior high basketball team at the former Van Etten High School.

"There isn't a better citizen in town," said Willis J. Grover, local service station operator. "Charlie's everybody's friend."

"Chuck doesn't have a mean bone in his body," says Grover. "He can make you rebound when you're down in the dumps."

Grover is one of many residents who "grew up" with Chuck. A gift shop once operated by Chuck was the gathering place for local teenagers. Grover recalled.

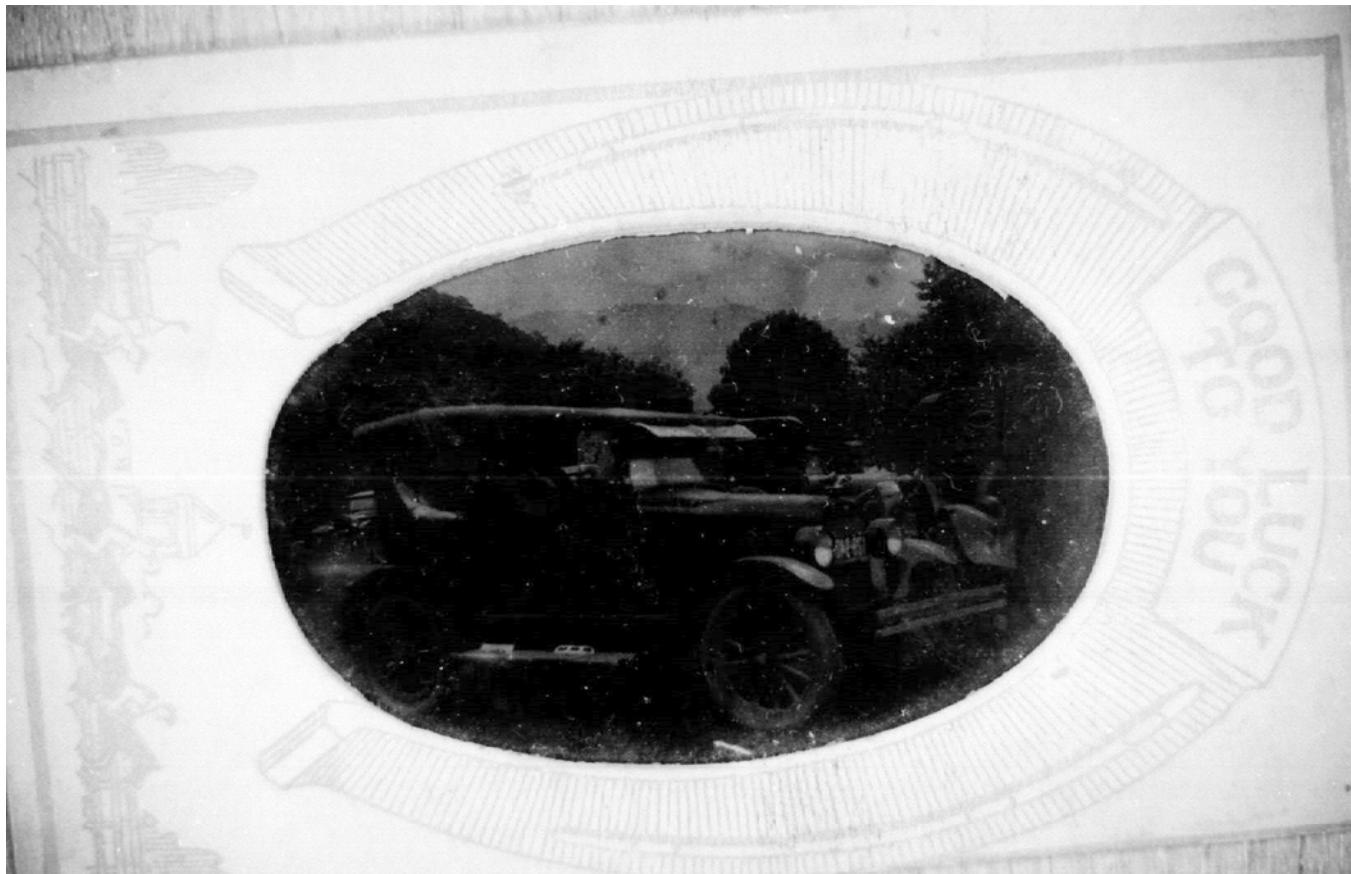
Baseball was a favorite topic and the order of the day was to stump Chuck on

country and rock and roll music but enjoys country.

He doesn't think many hand-leapped people get the opportunity he has had over the past two or three years. He says it's due to the wonderful people of the community, but actually the community is lucky to have such a wonderful man around.





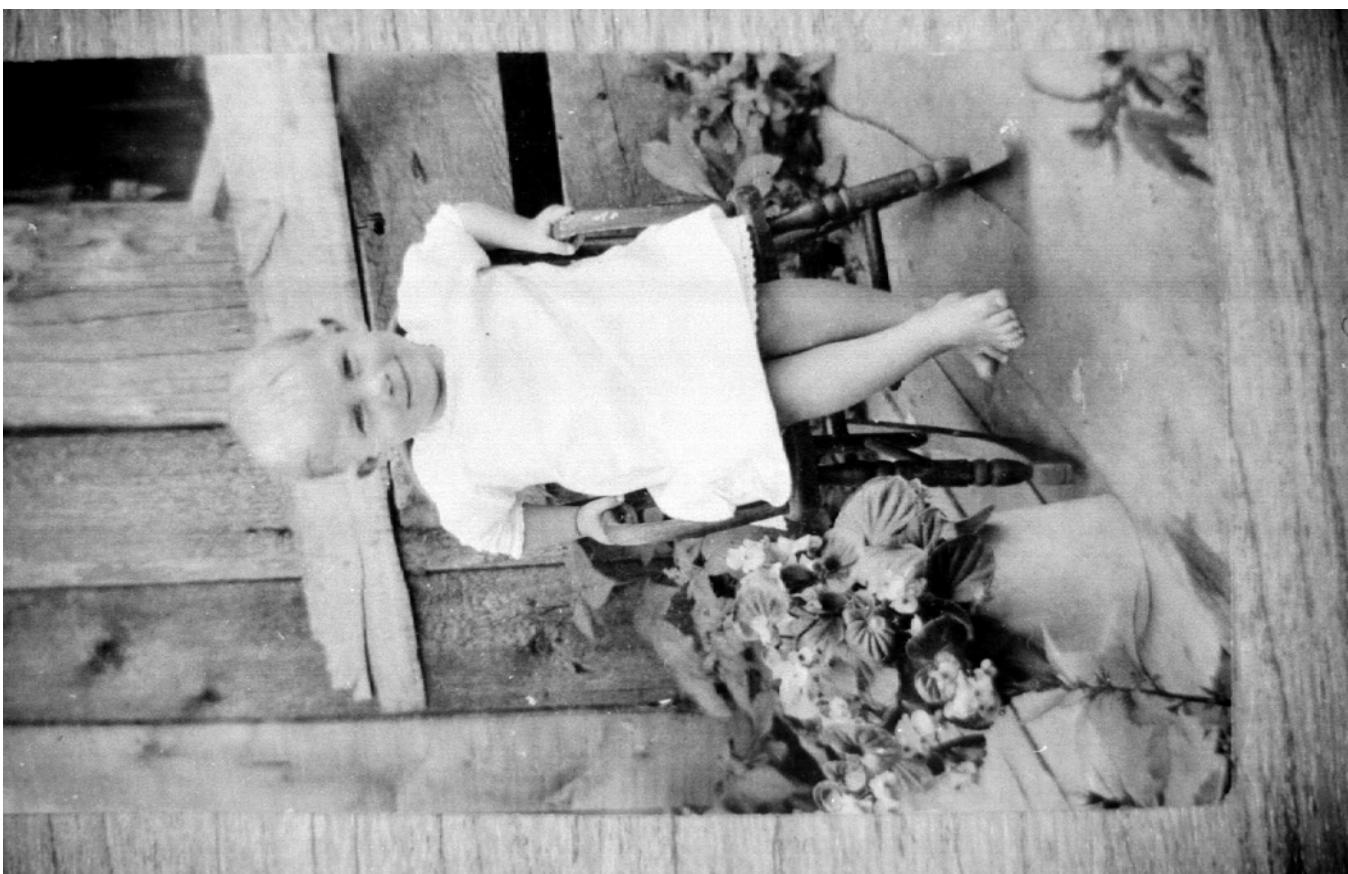






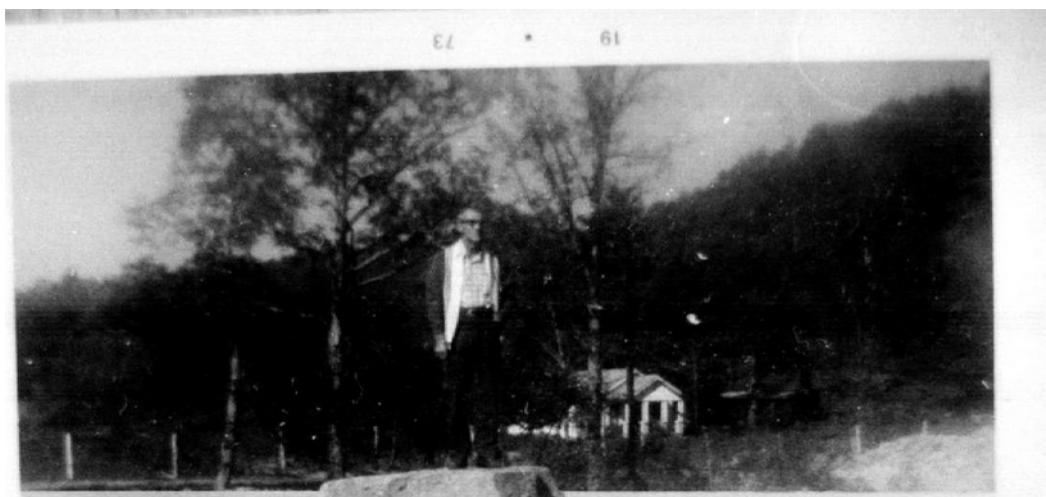














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